## The News of Brooklyn

INTERNAL REVENUE OFFICIALS MAKE A SUCCESSFUL RAID.

A COMPLETE DISTILLERY IN MEEKER-AVE. BROKEN UP AND THE MEN WHO RAN IT AR-

RESTED-LIQUOR AND MATERIAL SEIZED. United States Internal Revenue officials yesterday afternoon made a raid on an illicit dis tillery in Meeker-ave., Brooklyn, and captured five prisoners, all of whom were locked up for the night in the Humbeldt-st. police station. The officers also seized two stills, both of which were in operation at the time, several gallone of much a quantity of sugar, yeast and other material used in the manufacture of liquor and a quantity of distilled spirits.

The Secret Service men had been watching the house, when the capture was made, for two weeks or more. It is a two-story and basement frame building, No. 190 Meeker-ave The first floor is used ostensibly as a tailorshop, conducted by Marcus Flom, who occu ples the front room on the second floor as a living room. Flom has a few coats hanging in the show-window of the store, but the neighbors say that the store was closed for the greater part of the time and that they never saw a customer going into or leaving the store.

The raiding party was composed of Agen-Brooks, of the Secret Service Bureau, and two of his deputies, Alexander McKinney, Assistant Internal Revenue Collector, and Deputy Collector Hawkins. The descent of the officers upon the illicit distillery was made about ! o'clock in the afternoon, and was a complete surprise, and they captured the prisoners in of manufacturing the "moonshine" liquor. On the second floor, which was first visited by the officers, a copper still, in full operation, with twelve barrels of mash, was found. Here also they captured their first prisoner, who gave his name as Morris Weinstein and said he lived in a room between the front and rear rooms on the same floor of the

Weinstein, who is thirty-five years old, was in his shirtsleeves, and can'e out from the still as Agent Brooks entered the room. He pretended ignorance of any wrongdoing, and also made the pretense that he could not understand made the pretense that he could not understand the English language. Beyond giving his name, age and residence, his only reply to questions put to him was a shrug of the shoulders and a dublous shake of the head. Nothing was found in the room, which he said he occupied as a bedroom, but in another room were found a five-gallon demijohn filled with illicit liquor, and read for afficers.

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Descading to the basement, the officers found another still in full operation, which they seized, together with ten barrels of mash. A man who gave his name as Louis Ruffmann, and who is believed to be the owner and manager of the still, was found in charge of this still. He had his coat off, and there was every indication that he had been attending the still in person. Here also a five-gallon demijohn of ilquor was found. Ruffmann said he was forty years old, and lived in Bloomfield, N. J. Some books and railroad tickets found in his pocket seemed to bear out this story. Two other prisoners were captured here also. One of them said he was Harry Schiffer, twenty-two years old. ers were captured here also. One of them said he was Harry Schiffer, twenty-two years old, and lived at No. 149 Delancey-st., New-York City. The other prisoner was Abram Schiffer, twenty years old, who lived in the house. Harry said he had come over to Brooklyn to visit his brother. He said he knew nothing about the illicit distillery, and did not know what business was going on in the house. The younger brother remained mute, alleging that he could not understand the questions put to him. A woman who said she was the mother of the young men was found on the second floor. She said she had roested.

shoulders. After the Internal Revenue officers left the house, two detectives from the Humboldt-st, police station went to the store and made an inspection. It was said that they had reason to believe that Flom conducted a "fence" where stolen clothing was disposed of. Mr. Monday and the store stolen clothing was disposed of the found in reason to believe that Firm conducted a Tence where stolen clothing was disposed of. Mr. Mc-Kinney said that from the papers he found in Flom's store he believed that the tailor's real name is David Raffmann, and that he was interested with his brother Louis in the manage-

ment of the stills.

Besides the two stills captured, both of which are copper stills of about fifty gallons capacity, which have seen use before, but are in good condition, the mash and the two demijohns, filled with liquor, Agent Brooks and his men found two more five-gallon demijohns, both filled with liquor, in the cellar of the building, ten bags of brown sugar weighing about seventy-five pounds each, and other materials used in the manu-

stable in the rear of the house they captured a horse and a wagon used in the delivery of the liquor. The wagon was built in a pe-culiar way. The top part was divided into two

culiar way. The top part was divided into two compartments, the rear one tightly enclosed, with a door fastened by a copper lock, at the rear of the wagon. It was learned that a load of the "moonshine" whiskey had been disposed of earlier in the day. The Schiffer brothers, it is believed, were employed as drivers of the wagon. When Agent Brooks and Mr. McKinney had made a complete search of the house, the prisoners were taken to the Humboldt-st. station, where they were turned over to the custody of Police Captain Stephen Martin. They will be arraigned before United States Commissioner Morle this morning. All of the prisoners are Hebrews, and it is believed that most of the product of the distillery was disposed of in East Side saloons in New-York.

WILIAM J. TATE ACCUSED OF PERJURY. William J. Tate, a well-known real estate dealer, was held yesterday in \$1,000 ball by Judge Walsh, it the Adams Street Police Court, to answer the charge of perjury. The complainant in the case is David S. Welles, of the fitm of Thomas W. Wood & Son, coal dealers. Mr. Tate was once City Clerk. The friends of the prisoner believed that he was doing a large business and making money. Several people, for whom he collected rents, swore out warrantstror his arrest for failing to turn over the money to them.

IMPORTANT TROLLEY FRANCHISE DIS-CUSSED.

Among the many franchises soon to be asked for by the Nassau Railway Company will be one for three miles of streets to connect the company's Marcy-ave line and the Canarsie line with the Greenpoint ferries. The Grand-st. Board of Trade, of the Eastern District, has sent communications to President P. H. Flynn, in regard to the extension of certain lines in Williamsburg. The president has also been visited by committees of the president has also been visited by committees of the Board. It is understood that he has agreed to comply with the request of the Grand-st. Board of Trade to construct the roads in question, provided the property-holders and the business men along the routes secure for him the franchise and the right of way. This they have promised to do. None of the officers of the company would say anything about the matter yesterday. The Grand-st. Board of Trade will meet to-night. Some of the more prominent members say that the business to be transacted will be of an important character.

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"MOONSHINERS" CAPTURED. | MAYOR'S CABINET COMPLETE

HACKER REAPPOINTED AND GAS-COINE SUCCEEDS FORRESTER, AS THE TRIBUNE FORESHADOWED.

THE TWO EXCISE COMMISSIONERS ARE CON-GRATULATED BY MANY FRIENDS-COM-PLIMENTS TO ALL THE CABINET.

Mayor Wurster yesterday morning completed his cabinet by appointing Joseph C. Hacker, of the Twenty-first Ward, and James Gascoine, of the Twenty-eighth Ward, Excise Commissioners. Mr. Hacker succeeds himself and Mr. Gascoine will take the place of George B. For-



JAMES GASCOIGNE.

rester, of the Tenth Ward. These appointments were foreshadowed in The Tribune Mr. Gascoine's selection was urged by the Rev. John A. Hartnett, president of St. John's College; the Rev. G D. Hulst, the Rev. A. Gunther, the Rev. E. M. Porcile, the Rev. T. H. Whittaker, the Rev. Nathan Hubbell, the Rev. Charles W. King, the Rev. A. H. Crosbie, Rev. Eugene P. Mahoney, the Rev. F. P. Upham, the Rev. W. F. Fitzgerald, the Rev. Frederick Kurtz, and others. He is looked upon as the representative of the church people Mr. Gascoine is an anti-Worth Republican, and the Twenty-eighth Ward delegates to the last





who hold liberal views in excise matters. The salary of the Excise Commissioner is \$3,500

All the members of the new cabinet yesterday received hearty congratulations from their friends. B. G. Neff, of the Twentieth Ward, president of the Board of Assessors, said that he was not familiar with the duties of his new office as yet, and he did not wish to be quoted in refer-ence to any policy that he might pursue in the future.

ture. Theodore B. Willis, the coming Commissioner of City Works, received the following note from General Benjamin F. Tracy: "I have full confi-dence that your administration will prove to be equally satisfactory with the very excellent ad-ministration of your predecessor."

Royal C. Peabody, a Shepard Democrat, wrote:

"I know of none more deserving of such honor; no one who will fill the position from a business point of view with more satisfaction than your-

Eugene F. Barnes wrote: "I congratulate you city upon your appointment.

Mr. Willis recived the tellowing communica-Mr. Willis resident the It., wing communication from his predecessor:
Commissioner White: Understanding that you
have been selected by the Mayor to succeed me
in the administration of this department, I
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While I shall do my best to facilitate your work,
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by leaving unsettled as few matters as possi-ble, there will remain pending several of large importance, concerning which I shall be glad to talk with you at as early a date as you

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44 POSTAL PLEA FOR BATH BEACH.

The attention of the authorities in Washington has been called to the necessity of a free-delivery postal service in and around Bath Beach. The residents of the well-known little summer resort are determined to have a regular branch office of the Brooklyn Postoffice in that locality if it is at all possible. George Shields, a descendant office one of the old families of New-Utrecht, who is a large real estate owner, has induced a number.

A MAMMOTH STRUCTURE FOR COURT-ST. At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the authorities in reference to the matter. The strongest kind of arguments will be used for the abolition of the old postoffice, which has stood for
many years in Benson-ave. Mr. Shields sale yesterday that the old place where Unch Sim's mails
are handled is at least ten years behind the times.

The building is certainly inconsistent with the fine
driveways in the town and the 2,000 people who
inhabit that portion of the annexed district during
the summer months.

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MAKING BROOKLYN A SUB-STATION.

WOULD BE A SACRIFICE OF CIVIC PRIDE AND

NOT BETTER THE SERVICE, HE SAYS. Consolidationists and anti-consolidationists in Brookiyn were considerably agitated last night over the news contained in a special dispatch from Washington. The story was to the effect that Postmaster-General Wilson has decided to make the Brooklyn Postoffice a sub-station of the New-York office. It was stated in the dispatch that the plans of the Postmaster-General were nearly matured, and that within sixty days the Brooklyn office would be consolidated with the New-York office.

The project of Mr. Wilson, it is said, is made pos-sible by the amendment to the Civi. Service laws adopted last year, providing for the extension of the Civil Service laws to cover postmasters and all the employes of any postoffice which may be consoli-dated with another. Civil Service Commissioner Potter was quoted in the dispatch as saying that the osed consolidation was for the purpose of cen tralizing the work of the Department, as we'l a or economical reasons. He pointed out that within a short time twenty small postoffices in the neigh-borhood of Baltimore have been placed under the control of the postmaster in that city, and fifty mall offices about Chicago have been made subsmall offices about Chicago nave seatons of the postoffice of that city. Assistant postmaster-General Jones is quoted as affirming the story, and saying that the Postmaster-General has power to cross State lines and make Jersey City other neighboring postoffices sub-stations of New-York.

POSTMASTER SULLIVAN SKEPTICAL.

Andrew T. Suilivan, Postmaster of Brooklyn, said last evening to a Tribune reporter: "This is he first intimation I have had that any such plan of consolidation was entertained by the Postmaser-General. It certainly is a great surpris me, as it is probably to all Brooklynites. What the significance of the project is, I do not know, but I do not think it is probable that it will be carried out, not at present at least. Possibly, if the two cities are consolidated by act of the Lesslature, such a combination of the two postoffices will be made, and there is just a bare possibility that this may be an effort to bolster up the movement in favor of consolidation. I shall hold no communication with the chief of the department at Washington until I am consulted about the

I do not say it in any sense of valuglory, but I think the postoffice service of Brooklyn speaks for itself, and I believe the people of this city will up when I say that we fully hold own with any city in this country in the handling, listributing and collecting of mails. For my part I fail to see what benefit would result from a con-solidation of the offices. The Postmaster of Brooklyn receives a salary of \$6,000 a year, the ex-treme amount allowed by Congress for Postmasters of cities of the first class; New-York City is only exception to this rule. The Postmaster of that city is, by special act of Congress, allowed a salary of \$10,600, as that city, being the chief port of entry of the country, transacts the bulk of foreign mail

A VISION OF REDUCED SALARIES.

"Brooklyn has an assistant postmaster who, ur master in charge, and we have a superintendent of delivery and a superintendent of carriers, each of whom have a salary of \$250. If Brooklyn be made sub-station of New-York the salary account would be lessened slightly, as the postmaster would se made an assistant or superintendent at half the salary he now receives. The salaries of the assistants and superintendents might be out down, but it would not, in my opinion, be a benefit

to the office to do so.
"The carrier and collecting forces could not be reduced by the dismissal of any of these men, for they are all Civil Service employes, and as for the transfer of any of the men to New-York, it could not be done and at the same time maintain the efficiency of the service in this city. The force should be increased, rather than diminished. I do should be increased, father than diminished. I do not care to discuss the question as to whether or not the same degree of efficiency would be maintained under an assistant postmaster if this city should be made a sub-station, as would exist under its management as an independent office.

rested.

All this time Flom, the tailor, kept at work pressing a pair of trousers. He did not raise his head, and refused to answer any questions put to him. At first Agent Brooks hesitated about arresting the tailor. He consulted with Mr. McKinney, and it was decided to search the room. In a heap of old clothes the officers found a box of compressed yeast used in fermenting the mash. Mr. McKinney alse found in the drawer of a desk several bills made out in the drawer of a desk several bills made out in the drawer of a desk several bills made out in the name of David Raffmann, for materials used in the manufacture of whiskey.

The tailor was arrested, but even this did not seem to disturb him, as he merely shrugged his placed in charge of an assistant, that man would be under the control of the Postmaster of New-York, and could only execute his orders. He would not have control of his men, and could not carry out measures for the betterment of the service, without the approval of the Postmaster, and naturally a subordinate would not take the same amount of prize in maintaining an efficient service as if he were in charge of an office with power to direct its affairs subject, of course, to the approval of the authorities at Washington. I do not think the mail service of this city could be bettered by merging the office with that of New-York City, and placing it in control of an assistant postmaster. "I had planned to go on to Washington shortly to talk with the Postmaster-General on other topics relating to the Brooklyn postoffice, before I heard of this proposition. I shall not hurry my trip at all, but, while I am in Washington I shall doubtless have a talk with General Wilson on this question."

HORSEMEN DISPLAY THEIR SKILL.

SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT BY THE RIDING AND DRIVING CLUB. The Riding and Driving Club, of Brooklyn, gave

its January entertainment in its home at Vander bilt-ave, and Prospect Park Plaza last evening The programme was an attractive one, and fur nished pleasant entertainment for a large number of persons, including club members and their friends. A general music ride, under the direction of Philip B. del Bosco, was the first number on the programme. The following were the riders: Captain W. L. Candee, leader: Miss Ethel Candee, James Turner, Mrs. W. L. Candee, J. Henry Smith, Miss Claude Sherwell, Frank C. Jennings Miss Burtis, Henry Mackay, Miss Huntington Theodore F. Miller, Miss Whiting, W. W. Walsh Harry Taylor, Miss McCoy, Alexander Cameron, Miss Cameron, Henry Bowers, Miss Ethel Porter James A. Ayres, Miss Ayres, Miss Busby, Chifford Brown, Miss Burris, James H. Williams, Miss Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Balley, George Walsh, Miss Walsh and Reuben Daniels. An exhibition of pairs was then given by Frank Beard, Hamilton H. Salmon, Ernestus Gulick Charles B. Van Nostrand, W. F. Tooker, ir., W. S. Prentice, E. H. Barnes, Timothy L. Woodruff A. J. Nutting, W. L. Candee and Clarence H Robbins. The most exciting affair of the evening was a tug-of-war by two teams of four men each from Professor Del Bosco's rough riding class. The from Professor Del Bosco's rough riding class. The teams faced each other, the men being mounted, and pulled against each other for two minutes. The team consisting of G. H. Potter, E. S. Hewitt, G. S. Frank and J. F. Talmage, Jr., won the first two heats and victory. Their opponents were W. M. Tuttle, W. W. Walsh, Jr., W. E. Gilmore and B. O. Toll.

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A pretty exhibition of high steppers followed. Hamilton H. Salmon, Frank D. Beard, E. J. Knowlton, W. H. Erhart and W. F. Tooker, jr., showed horses and were roundly applauded for their skilful exhibitions. A jumping contest by nine of the club's champion jumpers was the last number on the programme. The horses shown were Mrs. Frank D. Beard's Perfection, Frank D. Beard's Hercules, J. Robinson Beard's Hack Witch, G. Herbert Potter's Lokt, Clarence H. Robbins's Twinkle, Robins Woodward's Tycho-Brahe, Howard Boocock's St. Hubert and E. S. Hewitt's La Cigale.

A CRASH ON THE ELEVATED ROAD. ONE PASSENGER INJURED BY A COLLISION

BETWEEN A MYRTLE-AVE. TRAIN AND A FLATCAR.

A train on the Myrtle-ave, division of the Brook-iyn Elevated Railroad crashed into a flatcar near Water-st. at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and caused considerable excitement among the pas-The train, which was in charge of John Heland, and F. C. Reibeschel, conductor, was running at the regular rate of speed when the collision

occurred. The last car of the train was detailed and a portion of it hung over the outer track.

When the engine and car came together there was a terrific shock, which was followed by falling glass. Robert Mott, of No. 370 Gates-ave, was among the passengers who were hurled from their seats. He was severely cut about the wrist. When the train acrived at the Fulton Ferry terminus an ambulance call was sent in. Dr. She don, of the Brooklyn Hospital, responded and hurriedly removed the man.

The police made an investigation, but there were no arrests.

POSTMASTER SULLIVAN OPPOSED TO A MOVE IN ALBANY TO DO AWAY WITH THE PYNE PLACE IN OCEAN-AVE. GOES DEATH OF PETER RELYEA, THE UNDER HIS "SNAP."

PUTTING A SUBORDINATE OFFICER IN CHARGE ASSEMBLYMAN MARSHALL'S BILL TRANSFERRING THE JUDICIAL SALES OF REAL ESTATE MEETS THE APPROVAL OF THE EX-CHANGE MEMBERS AND IS NOT PLEASANT FOR WILL-

> Many prominent real-estate men in Brooklyn were pleased yesterday to learn that Assemblyman Mar-chall had introduced a bill at Albany providing for the transfer of judicial sales in the city from Kerrigan's auftion-rooms at No. 9 Willoughby-st, to the Real Estate Exchange in Montague-st, and the offices of the Taylor & Fox Realty Company at No. 45 Broadway, in Williamsburg. Should the bill go through it will be the result of a long fight on the part of the Exchange people, lasting since the uilding was finished nearly five years ago.

> Reputable realty men are watching the progress of the bill with great interest. While it means much to them in the way of more expedient and satisfactorily conducted sales, it means to Mr. Kerrigan, the official auctioneer, and his Democratic and Republican friends the loss of a great volume long been "Boss" McLaughlin's headquarters, where in a little back office in the dingy anction shop the "bose," while shorn of much prestige, still doles out advice and commands to his followers in quantities o suit. For a long time Mr. Kerrigan has made from his "snap," as variously reported, from \$12,000 to \$20,000 a year. Naturally the "Boss" and his riends are somewhat disgruntled over the prosect of a removal; at least, that is the inference. If for no other reason than that of cramped and

totally inadequate quarters at Kerrigan's room, Real Estate Exchange men are pleased at the prospect of bringing judicial sales where they say they the Willoughby-st. salesroom, and many instances, they say, can be cited where sales something on the 'snap" order have taken place, partly because possible purchasers could not get near enough to bid. and also by reason of the peculiar methods with which such sales are conducted.

Another objection, and a most potent one, which the Exchange members have brought up is the matter of fees. It was pointed out by them that Kerrigan gets from \$5 to \$30 for each sale that omes into his place, walle those few sales which filtered into the Exchange cost from 50 to 75 per

In speaking of the bill yesterday, George W. Channey, of the real estate firm of D. & M. Chauncey, said that the Exchange had been trying to get transfer of the judicial sales to their auction room for years.

"Every year since the building was erected," he said, "we have had such a bill in the Legislature. don't want to say too much, but polities is a factor in Sheriff's sales. That's a plain proposition. We trust Mr. Marshall's bill will go through. Tayfor & Fox have been named to conduct sales in the Eastern District, as the result of an agreement to he bill goes through, to one or the other of the

the bill goes through, to one or the other of the places designated.

Leonard Mooty, one of the best-known real estate men in the city, made this statement:

"Nearly all forcelosure sales come to the Sheriff, and are at his disposal, Right after Mr. Buttling's election I had a talk with him and be told one their everything else being equal he would take his sales to the Real Estate Exchange, but, sam ne., most look out for myself.

"What did that mean?"

"It may have been politics. At any rate, the exchange old not get the sales, no matter how hard it tried. Thus the judges who ordered the sales had much to do with it, and Mr. Buttling was not altogether responsible for their disposal.

"But, speaking of sales," continued Mr. Moody, there's more rareality, more downright robbery in the referee's sales which take place under the Court House stairs than most people imagine. Poor debtors who have been unfortunate in allowing interest to lapse are robbed right along. The lawyers and referee get together and fix up a referee's sale to suit themselves. There's no proper advertisement of the sale, and, owing to the unitness of the place and the dishonest methods, many a poor person has been sold out without knowing anything

THE HEBREW CHARITY BALL.

FROM EVERY STANDPOINT IT WAS AS SUC-CESSFUL AS IN FORMER YEARS.

The thirteenth annual Hebrew Charity Hall, for emy had been handsomely decorated for the oceaoccupied a space reserved for it at the back of the stage, and in front of the railing palms and flowers were banked in lavish profusion. An immeme gas jet with the words "Hebrew Orphan Asylum" was hung from the arch above the stage.

always ushers in a red-letter day in the calendar of the social affairs of the Hebrews of Brooklyn The ball last night was no exception to the rule The guests began to arrive about 9 o'clock, although the ball was not scheduled to begin until an hour later. At II o'clock the halls and boxes were well filled, and the music, the costumes of the women, and the black and white of the men's attire all helped to make the affair as brilliant and successful as it has been in former years. The music was under the direction of Benjamin Wechsler, and a

The committee which had charge of the arrange man; Benoit Wasserman, deputy chairman; Michael Furst, Samuel Goodstein, Edward Kaufman, Frank Pentlarge, Samuel F. Rothschild and Robert Selig-man. It is largely owing to this committee that the ball of last evening was so successful, and the decorations of the Academy amply testified to their artistic taste. Their work was largely finished when the doors of the Academy were opened, and the Reception Committee then took charge.

This committee was composed of Morris Adler, Lipman Arensberg, Henry Bloch, Moses Bruck-heimer, Michael Hessberg, Louis Israel, Joseph Kessel, Moses Kessel, Samuel Klein, Alois Lazansky, Isaac Levy, Michael Levy, Julius Manheim, Henry May, David Mayer, Emil Louis Mayer, Leopold Michel, Henry Roth, Phineas Seldner and

David W. Stein.

The Floor Committee was composed of Mitchell May, chairman; Herman H. Rothschild, vice-chairman; David P. K. Baumann, Gus Block, Henry H. Davis, William Fischel, Mark Goodstein, Louis Davis, William Fischel, Mark Goodstein, Louis Hamburger, Isidore G. Hagenbacher, Philip Herbst, Aaron Hirsch, Aaron Kotzesen, Abe Kotzlesen, Emil Lazansky, Abraham Levy, Moses M., Levy, Samuel J. Levy, Henry Manne, Mitchei May, Joseph H. Meyer, David Micnel, Hyman Michel, Joseph E. Modle, Michael Miller, S. Monday, Louis Nowann, Louis Nova, Julius Reiner, Ferdinand Reiss, Louis Sanders, C. B. Schellenberg, Max Schwartz, Julius Strauss, Michael Tuch, Samuel Wasterman, Felix Waterman, Asron Weensler, Julius Wechsler, Louis Wechsler, I. S. Well and J. Koenig.

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The patronesses of the souvenir programme were Mrs. P. Seldner, Mrs. M. Hefter, Mrs. Bella Jonas, Mrs. A. Abraham, Mrs. Adele Levy, Mss. Kosa Blum, Mrs. A. S. Manne, Mrs. Baac Lefkowitsh, Mrs. A. Rapaport, Mrs. Edward C. Blum, Mrs. Mosey, Mrs. Base, Lefton, Mrs. A. Stern, Mrs. A. Rapaport, Mrs. Edward C. Blum, Mrs. M. Stern, Mrs. A. Stern, Mrs. A. Repaport, Mrs. Goldsmith, Mrs. C. Lyon, Mrs. S. Siedenberg, Mrs. Mrs. Max. M. Schwartz, Mrs. C. Stein, Mrs. A. Rossman, Mrs. A. J. Sherk, Mrs. C. Stein, Mrs. A. Rossman, Mrs. A. J. Sherk, Mrs. David Mayer, Mrs. Benjamin Croner, Mrs. M. Rosenstock, Mrs. L. Rosenson, Mrs. L. Morris, Mrs. M. Dreyfuss, Mrs. Mosses May, Mrs. S. Cohen, Miss Dora Levy, Mrs. S. Klein, Mrs. Jennie Young, Mrs. B. Wasserman, Mrs. Joseph Wechsler, Mrs. Joseph Kessel, Mrs. Sarah Gold, Mrs. George Dressler, Miss Eisle Bloch, Mrs. L. Arensberg, Miss Sadle Bloch, Mrs. Frank Pentlarge, Mrs. Charles Levy Mrs. S. Steinbrink, Mrs. L. M. Streep, Mrs. B. W. Williams, Mrs. H. Lichtensten, Mrs. Michael Levy and Mrs. Nathan Levy.

The Hebrew Orphan Asylum, for whose benefit the ball was given is in excellent condition this year. The assets of the asylum exceed by \$12.825 these of last year. The membership of the society is at present 846, of which number 113 are patrons, and 733 are members. The total assets this year amount to \$134,843 fz.

The officers of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum are Moses May, president; Abraham Abraham, vicepresident, and Herman Newman, treasurer.

MUNICIPAL STUDIES CONTINUED. The fourth of the series of conferences was held

last night at Granada Hall, No. 188 Myrtle-av lectures delivered at each conference are studies of municipal conditions. The chairman was James Mo Mahon, president of the Emigrants' Savings Bank

BRANCH OF NEW-YORK, NO. BAD NEWS FOR KERRIGAN. REAL ESTATE PRIZE SOLD. IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT

FOR \$22,000 AN ACRE.

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TEREST ON A POPULAR DRIVE TO THE SEA.

A large piece of property on one of the great drives from Brooklyn to the ocean, which has been a source of considerable interest to real estate dealers, and more especially to propertyowners contiguous thereto, for the last ten or fifteen years, was sold yesterday by De Selding Brothers, of No. 59 Liberty-st., New-York City. Merchants, bankers and brokers, as well as other citizens of Brooklyn and New-York, having occasion to traverse Ocean-ave, to Brighton Beach, have long been acquainted with this large vacant plot of ground situated within two blocks south of Prospect Park. This plot of ground is directly opposite the well-known Midwood Clubhouse, in Ocean-ave. The frontage of this block of ground in Ocean-ave, is 685 feet, in Irving Place, on the south side, 237 fect; in Caton-ave., on the north, 312 feet, and in Church-ave., 60 feet. The area of the plot comprises three and one-half acres. It is located in the Twenty-ninth Ward. The entire block, with the exception of the southeast corner, now occupied by St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church and a

st. Paul's Protestant Expression Characteristics of dwelling, was owned by the executors of the estate of Percy R. Pyne.

The property was sold to a syndicate. It is the intention of the buyers to improve immediately the plot, befitting its excellence, by the erection of high-class modern homes. The sale is of special significance to the property-owners in its For years the late Mr. Pyne, one of the most prominent financiers in New-York, was impos-

For years the late Mr. Pyne, one of the most prominent financiers in New-York, was importuned to part with this plot, without success. The city grew around it, and on every side of this property can be seen to-day some of the most beautiful modern houses, the homes of well-known business men of New-York, as well as of Brooklyn. Mr. Pyne always gave the one answer to those desiring to buy any portion of this plot: "Not for sale."

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JUDGE PRATT'S BIRTHDAY.

HE IS SIXTY-EIGHT YEARS OLD, AND HAS A BRILLIANT RECORD AS A SOL-DIER AND A JURIST.

Judge Calvin E. Pratt, of Brooklyn, sentor mem Judge Calvin E. Pratt, of Brooklyn, senior mem-ber of the appellate division of the Supreme Court, is sixty-eight years old to-day, and no doubt scores of lawyers who have seen his familiar face on the bench year after year and encountered the operations of his keen mind will to-day personally or by letter wish him many happy returns of his birthdivide the city into two districts, and also because they are a thoroughly reputable firm, and have a uary 23, 1828, and was graduated from the Wilfrom large enough for the purpose. I guess Mr. braham Seminary, a Methodist institution of more Kerrigan will have to transfer his office, in case than local fame. He began the study of law in



the benefit of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, was held last evening at the Academy of Music. The Academy had been bandoned the Academy of Music. The Academy had been bandoned to New-York Browne, he organized the list New-York Volunteers, and was made a colonel by Governor Seymour. During the battle at Mechanicsville he was shot in the cheek. On the recommendation of General McClellan, President Lincoln promoted him to a brigadier-generalship for gallantry on the field, and later he became General Hancock's successor as commander of the 6th Army Corps. He resumed his legal practice after the war was over with Grenville T. Jenks and afterward ex-Judges James Emott and Joshua M. Van Cott. Then he was internal revenue collector, and in 1883 he was elected to the Supreme Court by Democrats and Republicans. He was re-elected several times, and in 1882 was assigned to duty on the general term of this department. When the new appellate division was created he was assigned to that.

He belongs to the Hamilton and the Brooklyn clubs, but prefers the quietness of his home in Pacific-st, to club life. He loves to hunt and fish, and enjoys these pastimes as often as possible. His life is simple. If appearances are a safe criterion he will be a sturdy Brooklynite for many years yet.

TWO VIEWS OF MR. REEVS'S POSITION. George M. Reevs, of No. 152 West Fifty-fifth-st. New-Vork declares that he is not William M. Chase's substitute in the Brooklyn Art School, but



his permanent successor. Mr. Chase has just sailed his permanent successor. Mr. Chase has just salled for Europe, and Mr. Reevs is to take his classes in the Art School. Professor Franklin W. Hooper, of the Brooklyn Institute, however, told a Tribune reporter that Mr. Reevs was merely the substitute of Mr. Chase, and that Mr. Chase's name was still on the payroll.

Mr. Reeva studied in Paris under Gerome and Benjamin Constant.

POLITICAL CLUB OFFICERS ELECTED.

The Paul E. De Fere Association, of the Twentyfourth Ward, has been organized, with the following officers: George J. Soper, president; vice-president, R. W. Gillman; secretary, Frederick C. Williams; vice-presidents, William Ryerson and John T. McCormick; treasurer, C. E. M. King; correspondng secretary, Charles W. Warner; financial secretary, Andrew Gregory; assistant secretary, William H. Davenport. Forty members signed the roll. Mr. De Fere was the Republican candidate for County Judge during the last campaign, and on Tuesday night was elected to the Republican County

The McKinley Club, of the Eighteenth Ward, held its annual meeting, No. 25 Bushwick-ave., on Tues-

its annual meeting, No. 25 Bushwick-ave., on Tuesday night These officers were elected: President, Theodore Roesch; vice-president, Edmund Reek; treasurer, Conrad Summarlad; recretary, Jacob Lehr; corrusponding secretary, Edmund Reek; sergeant-at-arms, Otto Stohl.

The Active Republican Club, of the Twenty-fifth Ward, opened its new club rooms, at No. 959 Hancock-st., Monday night President John La Grange made a short address, in which he warmly welcomed the friends of the club. He was followed by Samuel Murphy, ex-president of the Ward Committee; Samuel H. Andrews, of the Board of Elections; George W. McMorris, and Thomas Wilson, all of whom contributed to the evening's entertainment

HISTORICAL CORTEGE RECALLED. Peter Relyea, who for more than twenty years conducted a large undertaking establishment at No. 160 Broadway, in the Eastern District, died at his home, No. 114 Broadway, Tuesday evening, from old age. Mr. Relyea was eighty years old, and for the last month had been confined to his home for the last month had been confined to his home. He was known by scores of residents of the castern section of the city, who called him "Uncle Peter," Mr. Relyea has conducted some of the larges funerals in the country. He was placed in charge of that of the martyred President, Abraham Linguist Martin 1981, 1865. coln, held in April, 1865. He was born in New Paltz, Ulster County, N. Y.

October 15, 1815, and received his early education in the country school. He worked on a farm until he the country school. He worked on a farm until he was seventeen years old, and then came to Brookiyn, where he found work as a grocer's clerk. Later he learned the trade of carpenter and builder, and in 1829 started in this line of business for himself, opening a shop at No. 83 Willett-st. Two years later he started in the undertaker's business and the manufacture of coffins, from which he realized a large sum. On the morning of April of realized a large sum. On the morning of April 2, 1865, a committee of the Board of Aldermen called on him to make the necessary arrangements for the public funeral while the body of President Lincoln was in New-York. He was told that the body would was in New-York. He was ton that the body would arrive in New-York on the morning of April 24 and lie in state at the City Hall until the next day. The funeral car was to be in readiness by 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. After receiving the order Mr. Relyea remained awake all that night planning the

Relyea remained awake all that night planning the car and thinking over the arrangements. It required three days to complete the funeral car alone, and sixty men and women worked on it. The cost was about \$8,000. Mr. Relyea received the body in Jersey City on its arrival from Washington, and conveyed it to the City Hail, in New-York. The car was drawn by sixteen white horses.

During the first year of his apprenticeship as a carpenter his employers built the first brick house in the Eastern District, on which he worked. The building was at Grand-st, and Kent-ave. This was in 1835, and Grand-st, then was only a country road. The house was built for the Boerum family, who owned most of the farm lands from Grand-st, to the Wallabout. Mr. Relyea was a Mason and a charter member of Americus Lodge, No. 535, F. and A. M., of New-York, and held the office of chapilain from the formation of the lodge to the time of his death. A widow and two sons survive him. The funeral arrangements have not been completed, but the time is set for Saturday afternoon, and the services will be held in the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, South Flifth-st, and Driggs-ave. The Rev. William M. Thompson will officiate. The burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

CAPTURED WITH HIS PLUNDER. A NEGRO BURGLAR PLEADS GUILTY AND GIVES TESTIMONY AGAINST HIS ACCOMPLICE.

Edward T. Brown, a negro, living at No. 84 Bartlett-st., yesterday, in the Lee Avenue Police Court, pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary, and was remanded to await the action of the Grand Jury. When Brown was captured he was carrying a bundle containing silverware and clothing which had been stolen from the home of Nixon C. Kerr, at No. 479 Bradford-st. He also admitted having entered the apartments of Francis Fitzgerald, at No. 152 Fulton-st., and told the police that he disposed of his booty to Louis Freund, a dealer in second-hand goods, at No. 719 Flushing-ave. On this information the police arrested Freund, and yesterday Brown was a witness against him. He told how he had been in the habit of visiting Freund's store and playing cards. On one of these visits he said Freund asked him if he wanted to make \$2, and was told to meet him in Fast New-York. Freund, he said, then gave him a small, keen knife and several diamond glass cutters, telling him that they might be of service in their expedition. When they reached Kerr's house, the negro says, Freund went in while he waited outside, and it was not long before Freund appeared carrying the bundle. It was for carrying the bundle he said he was to rette the \$2.

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SEATED AT LAST. CIVIL JUSTICES VAN WART AND SCHNITZSPAN

TAKE POSSESSION OF THEIR COURTROOMS. By virtue of the decision of the Appellate Court on Tuesday in the Civil Justiceship controversy, Civil Justices Gerald Van Wart and William Schnitzspan pesterday took possession of their respective courts in the Second and Third districts, and at once began the discharge of their duties. Justice Petterson went to the Second District Court, over which he had presided, to get the effects in the private room, and JUDGE CALVIN E. PRATT.

IS49. after teaching school at Uxbridge. Sutton and Worcester. His practice began in 1852. A year later he was elected Justice of the Peace at Worcester, and remained there until he moved to New-York six years later. He early took an active interest.

AWAITING DR. PARKS'S DECISION.

HIS ACCEPTANCE OR DECLINATION OF THE HOLY TRINITY PASTORATE EX-

PECTED BY TUESDAY. Rev. Dr. Leighton Parks, of Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church of Boston, who has been called to the pastorate of the Church of the Holy Trinity, in Brooklyn, made vacant by the death of the Rev. Dr Charles H. Hall, will send his acceptance or declination of the offer to the Holy Trinity officials by Tuesday of next week. The call was extended a week ago, and he prome ised to send a decisive answer within a formight He is a man of strong and agreeable presence, below medium height, but well built, strong and energetic. His face is round and full, and his head is well poised. He wears a beard closely cut, and is well poised. He wears a beard closely cut, an appears to be in the prime of physical and mental condition. It is understood that great pressure is being brought to bear on him to keep him in Boston. His surroundings there are preasant. His church is in one of the pleasantest parts of the city, well appointed and able to carry its financial burdens easily, it is said. Moreover, there is an excellent feeling toward him on the part of his

FATHER O'HARE'S SIDE-DOOR TOUR.

THE PRIEST MAKES A SEARCH ON SUNDAY FOR OPEN BARROOMS.

Father O'Hare, pastor of St. Anthony's Ro. Catholic Church of Greenpoint, in order to said himself as to the way in which the excise law is being observed, made a tour of the barrooms in his neighborhood last Sunday. Father O'Hare entered one place in Manhattan-ave, and saw men drinking beer. Behind the bar were two employes serving drinks. He remained long enough to convince him self that the law was being violated.

It was the intention of the priest to enter another rum-house, but word had been passed around to the effect that he was on a tour of investigation, and the side doors were at once boited.

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The priest yesterday said that he had no desire to force the Mayor to do anything regarding the barroomkeepers. "But after all there is little necessity for any one to look for evidence of Sunday liquor selling in Greenpoint," he said. "It is only necessary to go to the police court on Sunday morning and see the cases of intoxication. These people, I think, should be made to testify as to the places where they purchase the liquor, and the licenses of these should be cancelled."

THIS BRIDGE WOULD COST ONLY \$15,000,000. The recent agitation relative to the need of the two cities for increased bridge facilities has apparently made the brains of engineers and would-be bridge builders exceedingly prolific of ideas. One of these schemes bobbed up last night in the plans of a Brooklyn engineer, who has designed a bridge big enough, long enough, and magnificent enough big enough, long enough, and magnificent enough in all its proportions to realize the ideal of the most enthustastic "boomer." This engineer's proposed bridge is to extend from the City Hail in Brooklyn across the Heights section to a point opposite the Postoffice in New-York. The estimated cost of the structure is a mere bagatelle of \$15,00,000. This anonymous engineer says: "My scheme is drawn to meet the demand of the trolley lines. The western district must not let the eastern district surpass it."

A \$7,000 CALL FOR DR. WOELFKIN. It was learned yesterday that the Rev. Dr. Cornelius Woelfkin, of the Greene Avenue Baptist Church, has been offered the pastorate of the Clarendon Street Baptist Church, of Boston, which has been without a pastor since the death of Dr. Gordon, of that city. Dr. Woelfkin is holding the call under advisor of the call. under advisement. It is said by his friends that the warm relations existing between himself and his church in Brooklyn are the main obstacles in the

way of his accepting the new offer. The Clarendon-st. church is one of the largest in Hoston, and pays its pastor \$7.000 a year. Dr. Woelfkin's present salary is \$2,500. Dr. Woelfkin preached in Boston some months ago from the pulpit of the church in question, and created a favorable impression. His Brooklyn friends are anxious that he shall formain where he is.